

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 696

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate National Healthy Schools Day 2020 in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that children are more susceptible to poor indoor air quality and hazardous substances; even small exposures via skin, inhalation, or ingestion, occurring during critical windows of child development, could result in permanent adverse health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that improving school indoor air quality can improve student academic performance, increase average daily attendance, and protect children, especially those with asthma, which is a leading cause of student absenteeism, next to the rise of other conditions like multiple chemical sensitivities; and

WHEREAS, this serves to remind our State of Tennessee that Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-121, encourages each school district to implement an indoor air quality inspection and evaluation program for its facilities for use in all schools and childcare settings; and

WHEREAS, National Healthy Schools Day is nationally celebrated the first week of April of each year and is sponsored in Tennessee by the grassroots group Parents for Students Safety in partnership with the national sponsor Healthy Schools Network and the American Public Health Association, the Council of Educational Facility Planners International, and sixty other organizations and governmental agencies in an effort to bring awareness of the need for healthy indoor and outdoor environments and the need to reduce exposures to pollution hazards at schools in Tennessee and across the nation to protect students' health; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the members and organizations of the Healthy Schools Network as they commemorate National Healthy Schools Day in the first week of April 2020, inviting all citizens and school districts to join in this worthy observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.